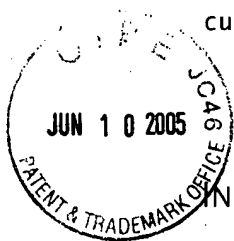


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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

I, FREDERICK P. BOYLE, declare as follows:

1. We are the applicants of the above-identified patent application and I am an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.

2. Prior to October 16, 2002 we completed (conceived and reduced to practice) the invention described in the above-identified application. This is evidenced by the following documents:

(A) An email from Frederick Boyle to the other named inventors of the present invention, relating to reviewing the initial draft of document (B) below.

(B) Initial draft of the first 4 pages of a patent application titled "Method for Temperature Compensating Sensor Data When Monitoring Quality/Condition of Fluids On-Line."

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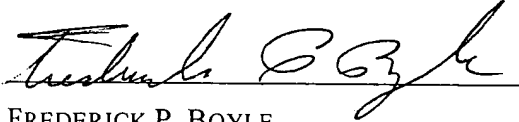
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Photocopies of the documents referred to above are attached. Each of the documents is dated prior to October 16, 2002 although the dates have been redacted.

Thus Applicants had completed the conception and reduction to practice of the invention prior to October 16, 2002 as evidenced by the fact that a patent application was being drafted as is shown in Document (B).

All the acts referred to above took place after January 1, 1996 in a WTO country.

I further declare that all statements herein made of my own knowledge are true and all statements herein made on information and belief are believed to be true. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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March 1, 2005 (date)